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In re Application of: Arner et al.

Art Unit: 1644

Application No: 09/634,287

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Office Action, mailed December 18, 2001, has a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on January 18, 2002. A one (1) month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a), to extend the response due date until February 18, 2002, to allow for timely filing of the herewith enclosed Response to Notice to Comply CRF §§ 1.821-1825.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-3880, in the name of Bristol-Myers Squibb Company, the amount of \$110.00, for payment of the extension fee for the one-month extension of time. An additional copy of this paper is enclosed herewith. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17, which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-3880 in the name of Bristol-Myers Squibb Company.

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